

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant respectfully requests the consideration of the following remarks and the reconsideration of the present application.

Applicant thanks the examiner for pointing out the allowable subject matter in claims 4-5, 9-12, 16-19, 23-24, 28-32, 35-38, 42-43, 47-51 and 54-57.

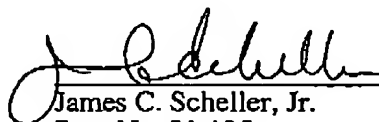
Without admitting the propriety of the rejections for claims 1-3, 6-8, 14-15, 20-22, 25-27, 33-34, 39-40, 44-46, and 52-53, Applicant amends claim 1, 20 and 39 to include the allowable subject matter that is in the original claims 10, 29 and 48. Claims 10, 29 and 48 are canceled in view of the amendment. Thus, independent claims 1, 20 and 39 are allowable. Dependent claims 2-9, 11-19, 21-28, 30-38, 40-47 and 49-57 depend from independent claims 1, 20 and 39. Thus, the pending claims are allowable.

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any charges that may be due or credit any overages. Furthermore, if an extension is required, Applicant hereby requests such extension.

Respectfully submitted,

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